

Bahrain. Seeing firsthand the culture and quality of life for most workers in Bahrain gave me more reason to appreciate living in America.”

CAPT (Sel) Dan Palko, SC, USN, the first commander of DDZZ, gave perspective on how DDZZ began. “This project was our first attempt to stand up a distribution operation in Southwest Asia, and the demand for our services was strong—DDZZ received more than 5,000 containers of materiel and what was left to send to DDKS at deactivation filled only 600 containers.”

DDKS, activated in August 2004, has a diverse stock of nearly 7,000 items with the potential of adding tens of thousands more in the future. Although DDKS will be

a permanent operation, CAPT (Sel) Palko explained that Kuwait will not be the final home of DDC’s Southwest Asia theater distribution platform. “DDKS is a permanent depot in a temporary location,” he said. CAPT (Sel) Palko is also a Logistics and Joint Planning Officer in DDC’s Strategic Plans directorate—the area responsible for locating future DDC sites. “Bahrain is a more suitable location for a distribution center in this region, allowing easy access to receive and distribute materiel to the Warfighters, so we are in the planning stages of building a permanent Southwest Asia distribution center in Bahrain.”

The current plan for DDC is to return the Southwest Asian distribution operation to Bahrain within the next five years.

superior support. “Repair parts were ordered on Monday and delivered that night,” said COL (P) Lally, “and a great amount of people in this room have had a tremendous influence on that success.”

He then gave the employees an update on DDC’s future goals. At the top of the list: improve overseas support. COL (P) Lally also noted the importance of the roll out of the Business Systems Modernization program, a feat he referred to as “critical to the success of DLA and DDC.” He also reinforced the idea that we must do whatever we can to make the distribution process even better for our customers. This includes working with the U.S. Transportation Command (TRANSCOM) to look at the supply chain from end to end and find ways to improve the process. “Before, we all looked at the supply chain as separate segments, now we look at it as one and we are working together to find what works best.”

COL (P) Lally closed by reminding employees that “it is important to provide timely and quality support, in peace and war through an efficient and innovative distribution system by maintaining a trained and ready organization.”

## DDC’s Bostdorf Receives Superior Civilian Service Award

DDC General Supply Specialist Walter Bostdorf was recognized by DDC Commander COL (P) Mike Lally, USA, at the DDC Town Hall for his contributions as a Materiel Distribution Specialist for the DLA Contingency Support Team in Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, where his theater-level logistical support to nearly 200,000 multi-national coalition armed forces significantly contributed to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“Walt’s efforts were critical to the success of this operation,” said COL (P) Lally.



## DDC Commander Holds First Town Hall with DDC HQ Staff

COL (P) Mike Lally, USA, DDC’s new commander, held his first town hall meeting with DDC headquarters staff in November.

More than 200 DDC headquarters employees attended the event that opened with a presentation of commander’s coins and other awards as COL (P) Lally set the tone for a meeting that not only updated employees on current and future DDC initiatives, but also congratulated them for their recent efforts and successes in support of the Warfighter.

The successes of existing overseas distribution sites providing forward support were also recognized by COL (P) Lally who referenced the outstanding customer service provided by Defense Distribution Depot Sigonella, Italy (DDSI) that was activated in April; Defense Distribution Depot Yokosuka, Japan (DDYJ); Defense Distribution Depot Pearl Harbor, Hawaii (DDPH); and Defense Distribution Depot Europe (DDDE). To illustrate one example of the success of these sites, COL (P) Lally told the group about a recent e-mail received from the Chief of the Army Distribution Management Team who commended DDDE for their



*COL (P) Lally thanked employees for their hard work and dedication in support of America’s Warfighters.*